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WATER CONTACT CLOSURE FOR IMPERIAL BEACH ***TIJUANA RIVER FLOWS CONTINUE TO ENTER ESTUARY***

The County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health has expanded the water contact closure area at the Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge shoreline north today to include the Imperial Beach shoreline. Sewage-contaminated runoff in the Tijuana River has been entering the Tijuana Estuary since the rains on April 4th. Observations today indicate northward moving ocean currents and contamination of ocean water in Imperial Beach is suspected. Signs warning of sewage contaminated water will remain in place until field measurements indicate the ocean water is safe for recreational use.

For more information on the Tijuana River, please call the U.S. International Boundary & Water Commission at 619-662-7600.

***For updates on beach closure information please call the 24-hr. hotline at (619) 338-2073.
OR go to www.cleanup.org and enter your zip code. Select "Beach Water Quality"***

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